

# Visa Information Sheet

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### TO ENTER AUSTRALIA FOR THE 2022 AO SUMMER, YOU NEED TO:

1. Complete the **Visa and Entry form**: <https://participant.tennis.com.au/>
2. Apply for your visa: **Temporary Activity Visa (subclass 408) Invited for other social and cultural activity (Invited Participant)**  
This visa type will be referred to below as the **SC408 Visa**

### VISA INFORMATION

All professional players and their Support Team Members should apply for the **SC408 Visa**.

Persons found working in Australia on the wrong Visa type (tourist - Visitor Visa, ETA, eVisitor) may have their visa cancelled.

WHO NEEDS THE SC408 VISA?	VISA REQUIREMENTS	! IMPORTANT INFORMATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Players</li><li>• Coaches</li><li>• Physios</li><li>• Trainers/Fitness Coaches</li><li>• Agents/Managers</li><li>• Anyone in an essential working capacity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SC408 Visa is granted for a maximum of <b>3 months</b> per visit which starts from the date of your 1st entry into Australia</li><li>• Allows multiple entries over the duration of Visa granted</li><li>• AUD \$315 fee</li><li>• Letter of invitation required from Tennis Australia.</li><li>• Complete the <b>Visa and Entry form</b>: <a href="https://participant.tennis.com.au/">participant.tennis.com.au</a> to request one.</li><li>• Your current passport can be used even if it is about to expire. However, ensure you upload a new one later through your Immiaccount.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>! Processing takes up to 6 weeks</li><li>! Visa offices are closed over Christmas and New Year</li><li>! Indicate clearly your travel dates to and from Australia on your application. <b>You cannot enter Australia after your indicated departure date:</b> e.g. If I apply for 1 November 2021 to 20 November 2021 – I will not be allowed to enter Australia after 20 November.</li><li>! <b>Do not include anyone on your SC408 visa application</b> as it can create significant delays in the processing time. <u>Each application is for one individual.</u></li><li>! <b>The SC408 Visa can only be applied for outside of Australia</b> (within Australia requires an approved sponsor which is a complicated process)</li></ul>

**YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2022 AND/OR ANY AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2022 LEAD-IN EVENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN APPROPRIATE SC408 VISA WITH WORKING RIGHTS.**

#### Already hold a valid Visa?

If you currently hold a visa to enter Australia, you may check with your Australian Embassy or the Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) to check your visa validity details and visa conditions. Applying for a new visa may cancel any visas that you currently hold, so please check before applying: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>

#### Invitation Letter

Remember to complete the **Visa and Entry form**: [participant.tennis.com.au](https://participant.tennis.com.au/) to request your letter of invitation

#### Biometrics Requirement – adds extra processing time so please apply early

Visa applicants may be required to provide biometrics in support of their visa application, if

- Their passports are from certain countries OR
- They lodge their application from selected locations.

**To ensure** your visa is processed in time for your trip, please check the link below to see if you need to submit biometrics <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

**If yes, please apply for your visa ASAP**

**APPLY BY 30 OCTOBER TO ENSURE YOUR VISA IS APPROVED IN TIME.**

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### Biometrics Collection

You will receive emails after lodging your application with instructions to provide biometrics in the nearest biometric office. Please note:

- The biometric offices may not be in your city
- This means more time is needed to process your visa application so **apply early!**

Detailed information regarding biometrics collection, the countries required and the complete process can be found at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

### HOW TO APPLY?

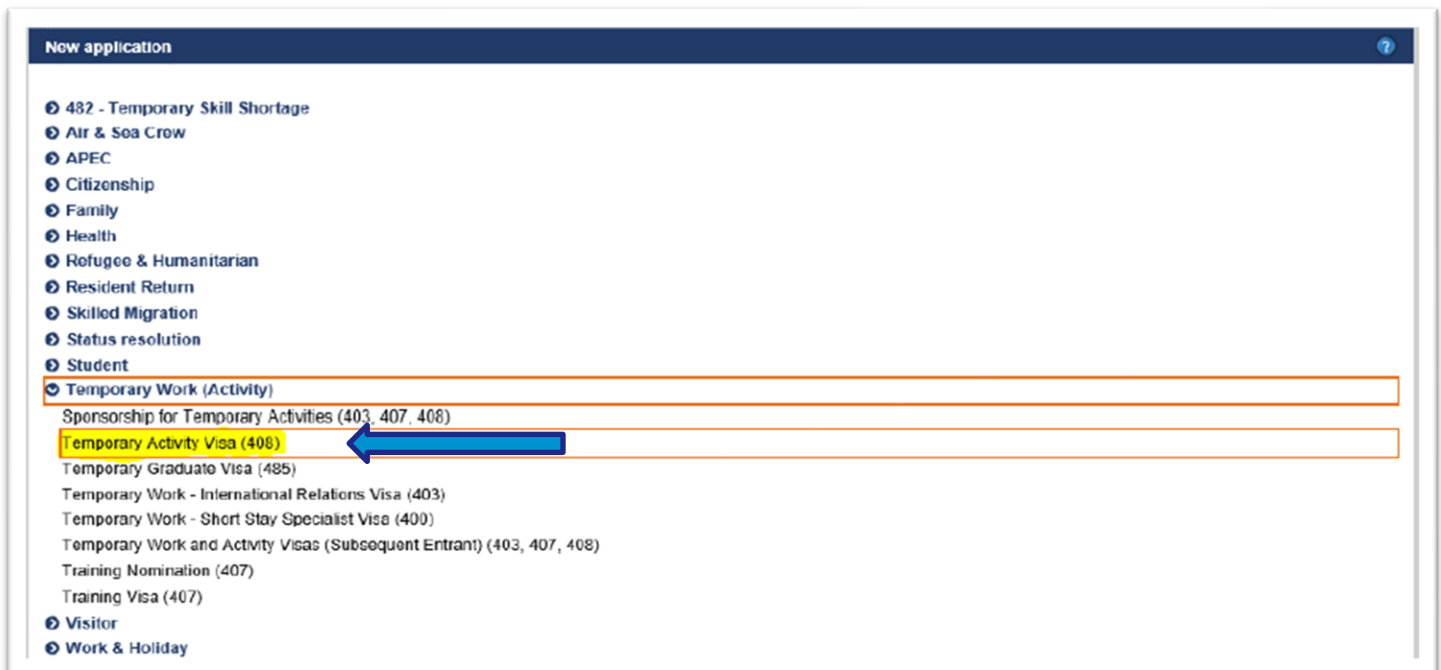
#### Via Online Application

1. Apply online via your ImmiAccount here: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>
  - a. Note: You need an ImmiAccount to apply for the visa.
  - b. If you do not have one, you can register for one here: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/register>
2. Online payment by MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Diners Club, JCB, or PayPal

\*All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet the health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

### Which 'Temporary Work Activity' Visa should I select when starting my application?

Applicants must select 'Temporary Work Activity' then select 'Temporary Activity visa (408)'



The screenshot shows a 'New application' form with a list of visa categories. The 'Temporary Work (Activity)' category is expanded, and 'Temporary Activity Visa (408)' is highlighted in yellow. A blue arrow points to this option.

**New application**

- 482 - Temporary Skill Shortage
- Air & Sea Crew
- APEC
- Citizenship
- Family
- Health
- Refugee & Humanitarian
- Resident Return
- Skilled Migration
- Status resolution
- Student
- Temporary Work (Activity)**
  - Sponsorship for Temporary Activities (403, 407, 408)
  - Temporary Activity Visa (408)**
  - Temporary Graduate Visa (485)
  - Temporary Work - International Relations Visa (403)
  - Temporary Work - Short Stay Specialist Visa (400)
  - Temporary Work and Activity Visas (Subsequent Entrant) (403, 407, 408)
  - Training Nomination (407)
  - Training Visa (407)
- Visitor
- Work & Holiday

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which "activity type" should I specify on the application?	<p>When answering the following questions, please ensure you select the answers below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has the applicant been invited to Australia to participate in a short term activity or event: <b>Yes</b></li><li>• Will the applicant be working in the entertainment industry: <b>No</b></li><li>• Is the applicant an accredited participant of an event that is listed on the AGEE information page: <b>No</b></li></ul> <p>If you follow the above steps, then the Activity type will automatically default to "Invited for other social/cultural activity"</p>
Is there a special group processing code for the 2022 Australian Open Series?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is this application being lodged as part of a group of applicants: <b>Yes</b></li><li>• Has the group already been created: <b>Yes</b></li><li>• Group ID: <b>AUOP22</b></li><li>• Group Name: <b>2022 Aus Open</b></li></ul>
Am I eligible for a concession on the visa application charge?	<b>No</b>
What organisation details should I provide?	<p>Legal registered name: <b>2022 Australian Open Series</b> Trading name: <b>Tennis Australia</b> Organisation website: <b>www.ausopen.com</b> Industry Type: <b>Other services</b></p>
What registration identifier should I provide?	<p>Business registration type: <b>Australian Business Number (ABN)</b> Business registration ID: <b>61006281125</b></p>
What office address should I provide?	<p>Please provide the following when prompted for office address: <b>Melbourne Park</b> <b>Olympic Boulevard</b> <b>Melbourne, Victoria, 3000</b></p>
What contact person details should I provide?	<p>Please provide the following when prompted for contact person details: <b>Monique Lim</b> <b>Head of Player Relations</b> <b>+61 3 9914 4337</b> <b>visaassist@tennis.com.au</b></p>
What position details should I give?	<p>Give details of the type of activity the applicant will be undertaking in Australia:</p> <p>Position: <b>Participant in the 2022 Australian Open Series</b> Occupation Grouping: <b>Other</b> Occupation (ANZSCO): <b>Sportspersons nec</b> Duties/activities: <b>Participant in the 2022 AO Series</b></p>
Events	<p>Provide the details of each of the events you will be participating in, while you are in Australia.</p>
Qualifications, skills and experience	<p>For this part of the application, please keep your answers short and factual. Examples could include:</p> <p>Relevant Qualifications: <b>Professional Tennis Player</b> Relevant Skills: <b>Tennis competitive skills</b> Relevant experience: <b>Experience on the WTA/ATP/ITF Professional Tour</b></p> <p>Registration / Licensing / Professional membership requirements: <b>WTA/ATP/ITF registered professional tennis player</b></p>
Remuneration Package	<p>Will remuneration be received for undertaking the activity in Australia? Answer "<b>No</b>", as Prize Money is not considered remuneration.</p>

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QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>Do I need to give my health insurance details?</b>	<p>You must provide your health insurance details to continue with the application process. Information requested are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name of health insurance provided</li><li>• Period covered.</li></ul> <p>It is not mandatory to provide proof of health insurance for stays of up to 3 months, although you may be randomly selected to provide this in some cases.</p>
<b>What should I specify as my “type of health insurance cover”?</b>	<p>Immigration needs to know that you have sufficient health insurance.</p> <p>Suggested examples can be “<b>comprehensive</b>” or “<b>full coverage</b>”.</p>
<b>What documents must I attach to my application for a SC408 visa?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Copy of your passport information page (<b>showing your photo and details</b>)</li><li>• Letter of invitation (<b>please complete the Visa and Entry form: <a href="http://participant.tennis.com.au">participant.tennis.com.au</a> to request one</b>)</li></ul> <p><b>After you attach the above two documents, there will be a pop-up window asking you why you have not attached all of the documents they requested (Financial &amp; Health).</b></p>
<b>Explain why evidence cannot be provided at this time?</b>	<p>Answer this question by advising “<b>Please see invitation letter attached</b>”</p>

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information regarding lodging applications and associated documentation can be found at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity>

For information on visa fees and charges, please see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator>

For information on Biometrics collection, please see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

For information regarding tourist visas, please see:

**Visitor Visa (subclass 600):** <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600>

**ETA (subclass 601):** <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601>

**eVisitor (subclass 651):** <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651>

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